

# Trevecca Nazarene University Physician Assistant (M.S.M) Program

## Physician Assistant School Guide Map

### Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)\*

First Year	
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)**	CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 credit hours)**	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precal I or Math 1720: Precal II or MATH 1730: Combined Precal or MATH 1830: Calculus for Mgmt., Life and Social Sciences, or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit Hours)	
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology or SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology or ANTH 1000: Mysteries of the Human Journey (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i>	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i>
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
BIOL 1130: Principles of Biology III (3 credit hours)**	Developmental Psychology Course (PSY 2220 Recommended)
Third Year	
BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
NURS 2260: Pathophysiology (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals or community college medical terminology course (2 credit hours)
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)	
Fourth Year	
BIOL 4280: Cellular Biology (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	BIOL 4720: Immunology (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline	
** BIOL 1110, BIOL 1120, & BIOL 1130 not required for program but is a prerequisites for a recommended course, BIOL 3250	

### Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) Requirements

DPCH	Shadowing and Scribing
Minimum of 250 hours must be logged. All hours must be logged and submitted at the time of application, hours earned while pursuing a prior degree are not eligible. Shadowing and DPCE must be completed before application to program. No email updates accepted.	Minimum of 10 verifiable hours shadowing a PA, all hours should be obtained via direct clinical observation not on the basis of personal relationship. Mission field shadowing is eligible as long as candidate is directly working with a PA in a medical setting. Can not count hours for both requirements.

### GRE Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration fee: \$205 Late Registration (1 week after registration closes): Additional \$50	Scores can be sent/reported for up to 5 years	Computer based test can be taken once every 21 days	Additional scores requested are sent w/in 5 business days of request
Rescheduling fee: \$20 Changing test center fee: \$50 Refund of \$75 4+ days before test. No Refund 4 days or less from test date	Scores can be sent to up to 4 institutions for free. Additional score reports for can be ordered at \$27 per recipient from ETS account	Test can be taken no more than 5 times in a calendar year. Cancelled scores count in annual limit	Choose which scores to share, institution can only see the scores sent
Fee assistance is offered MUST be college senior or unenrolled college grad; First come/first serve Fee is reduced to \$75 <a href="#">GRE Fee Reduction Request</a>	For the computer-delivered GRE test, official scores will be sent to designated instructions 10-15 days after test date	The institution can not see how many times you have taken the test	MUST designate where to send the scores on test day, after viewing unofficial results

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## Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

<b>Year 1 Classes</b>	<b>Year 1 Experience</b>	<b>Year 2 Classes</b>	<b>Year 2 Experience</b>	<b>Year 3 Classes</b>
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology (Pre-Requisite for BIOL 3250), Algebra/Calculus, PSY 1010 and Statistics	Join clubs/get involved. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop, and begin locating PA's to shadow and venues for DPCH	Complete: Organic Chem sequence , BIOL 1130 , BIOL 2060, BIOL 2080, and Dev PSY course	Shadowing and DPCE , leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement and participate in GRE prep. Identify recommenders	Complete: BIOL 3250, BIOL 4220 or 2100, NURS 2260, PHYT 3020, and CHEM 4510

## Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

<b>Year 3 Experience</b>	<b>Year 4 Classes</b>	<b>Year 4- Experience</b>	<b>Logging and Verifying Hours</b>
Study for GRE and complete between 3rd & 4th yr. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working on DPCH and shadowing	Complete: BIOL 4280, BIOL 4720, and remaining major requirements	Complete Shadowing and DPCH by middle of spring term; prepare application materials and submit CASPA	DPCH must be logged and verified in the CASPA application. Be detailed in your experiences, hours may not be accepted if they are not logged in CASPA.

## Application Breakdown

<b>Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility</b>		
GRE	Letters of Recommendation	Eligible Students
Minimum combined score of 300 to be competitive, scores can be no older than 5 years. Official scores must be sent to CASPA using Code 0532. Deadline to submit scores in Oct 1. Writing portion is not included in score requirements or evaluation of overall required score. Applicants with a graduate degree must still take the GRE. Applications will not be reviewed without posted GRE scores.	3 recommendations are required. One recommendation must be from a PA. PA should be one whom the applicant has worked alongside in a clinical setting through observation, shadowing or prior work experience. No more than 3 letters will be accepted	International students are eligible to apply. Applicants whose native language is not English must score at least a 550 on a paper TOEFL exam or 213 on a computer based TOEFL exam. Transfer students from other PA programs are not eligible for application.
<b>Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications</b>		
Application	Cost	Supplemental Application
New CASPA Application required every year - Opens Mid-April. All applications must be submitted and ALL materials verified by Oct 1 to be considered for admission	CASPA Application fee \$179 plus \$55 for each additional school	A short school specific application is required to be filled out once a student has been admitted to the program. There is no charge for this application
<b>Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision</b>		
Interview	Notification	Prerequisite Courses
Interviews conducted between Aug-Feb. Applicants are contacted 3 weeks prior to interview date with invitation.	Each interviewee is contacted within 2 weeks of their interview with a decision on admission. Decisions are: Accept, Hold status , or Deny	No more than 2 prerequisite courses can be in progress at time of application. No online or hybrid courses accepted. Any science courses over 7 years old at the time of matriculation will require a refresher course. Refresher defined as repeating a full course or in a two-semester course situation, repeating at least one-half of the course
<b>** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information</b>		